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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2 and 4. 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claim 1 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stanek (6,046,754).

With regard to claim 1, Stanek teaches a liquid crystal display device (figure 2a, item 20), comprising: a liquid crystal display panel displaying an image (figure 2a, item 20); and a light shutter on the liquid crystal display to transmit or shut off a light emitted from the liquid crystal display panel (figure 2a, 200, and column 4, lines 35-57 "very broad claim").

3. Claims 1-7, 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Eichenlaub (6,590,605).

With regard to claim 1, Eichenlaub teaches a liquid crystal display device (figure 1), comprising: a liquid crystal display panel displaying an image (figure 1, item 15, column 3, lines 1-6); and a light shutter on the liquid crystal display to

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transmit or shut off a light emitted from the liquid crystal display panel (figure 1, item 35, and column 3, lines 30-53).

With regard to claim 2, Eichenlaub teaches a liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the light shutter includes, a liquid crystal between two glass substrates (figure 1, items 36 and 37), and a plurality of electrodes on the two glass substrates to drive the liquid crystal (inherent feature there are at least two electrodes one each side or it would not work as a shutter column 3 "voltage is applied").

With regard to claim 3, Eichenlaub teaches the liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the light shutter have a polarizer to transmit a linearly polarized light (figure 1, item 20).

With regard to claim 4, Eichenlaub teaches the liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal display panel and the light shutter are bonded with each other and have a polarizer there between (figure 1, item 27).

With regard to claim 5, Eichenlaub teaches the liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the liquid crystal display panel and the light shutter are bonded to a single glass substrate (figure 1, items 18 and 36 "broad claim").

With regard to claim 6, Eichenlaub teaches the liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, further comprising a backlight irradiating a light toward the liquid crystal display panel (figure 1, item 11).

With regard to claim 7, Eichenlaub was found above to teach most of the limitations the applicant is in addition now claiming a "a controller generating a shutter control signal to open or close the light shutter" and "a light shutter driver responding to the shutter control signal to drive the light shutter". The "controller" and "driver" as broadly claimed are inherent to the Eichenlaub because his apparatus performs those functions and controller and driver would be essential to do this.

With regard to claim 12, Eichenlaub teaches the apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the shutter control signal has a first logical value in an initial field interval when video data are applied to the liquid crystal display panel and has a second logical value in a time interval when the video data are maintained at the liquid crystal display panel (column 3, lines 30-53 teaches that data is put on LCD item 16 and no voltage "first logical value" is put on shutter item 38 and then a voltage is applied "second logical value" to shutter item 38).

With regard to claim 13 Eichenlaub teaches a method of driving a liquid crystal display having a light shutter on a liquid crystal display panel (figure 1, items 15 and 35 column 3, lines 1-6, 30-35), comprising: supplying video data to a liquid crystal display panel; and opening the light shutter at an initial interval applying the video data and closing the light shutter in a maintenance interval maintaining the video data to shut off a light from the liquid crystal display panel. (column 3, lines 30-53 teaches that data is put on LCD item 16, "initial interval", and no voltage "first logical value" is put on shutter item 38 and then a voltage is applied, "second logical value" to shutter item 38 "maintenance interval").

With regard to claim 14 Eichenlaub teaches the method according to claim 13, further comprising: applying a shutter control signal having a first logical value in an initial field interval when the video data are applied to the liquid crystal display panel, and a second logical value in a time interval when the video data are maintained at the liquid crystal display panel (column 3, lines 30-53 teaches that data is put on LCD item 16, "initial interval", and no voltage "first logical value" is put on shutter item 38 and then a voltage is applied, "second logical value" to shutter item 38 "maintenance interval").

4. Claims 7-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tabata et al. (6417895).

With regard to claim 7 Tabata et al teaches an apparatus for driving a liquid crystal display, comprising:
a liquid crystal display panel displaying an image (figure 1, item 3); a light shutter on the liquid crystal display to transmit or shut off a light emitted from the liquid crystal display panel (figure 1, item 4); a controller generating a shutter control signal to open or close the light shutter (figure 1, item 8); and a light shutter driver responding to the shutter control signal to drive the light shutter (figure 1, items 8 and 4).

With regard to claim 8 Tabata teaches the apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the shutter control signal has an inverse polarity after video data having an inverse polarity are applied to the liquid crystal display panel (column 5, lines 20-35).

With regard to claim 9 Tabata teaches the apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the shutter control signal is a pulse signal having a first logical value turning on the light shutter and a second logical value turning off the light shutter (figure 1, item 8, inherent feature of Tabata because his shutter has two positions it must have a first and a second logical value causing each change).

With regard to claim 10 Tabata teaches the apparatus according to claim 7, further comprising, a data driver connected to a plurality of data lines of the liquid crystal display panel to apply video data to the data lines, and a gate driver connected to a plurality of gate lines of the liquid crystal display panel to apply a scanning signal to the gate lines (figure 1, items 7 and 3).

With regard to claim 11 Tabata teaches the apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the data driver is connected to the controller that generates the video data and a dot clock and controls the data driver, and the gate driver is connected to the controller that generates a gate start pulse allowing the scanning signal to be sequentially generated and controls the gate driver (figure 1, item 3, theses are all inherent feature of a common matrix LCD as shown).

5. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mosley (5,583,674).

With regard to claim 13 Mosley teaches a method of driving a liquid crystal display having a light shutter on a liquid crystal display panel (figure 2, items 20 and 13), comprising: supplying video data to a liquid crystal display panel (figure 2, "CONTROL"); and opening the light shutter at an initial interval applying the video data (figure 2, "SWITCH CONTROL") and closing the light shutter in a maintenance

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interval maintaining the video data to shut off a light from the liquid crystal display panel (figure 2, item 23).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paul Bell whose telephone number is (703) 306-3019.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful the Technology Center 2600 Customer Service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377 can help with any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application.

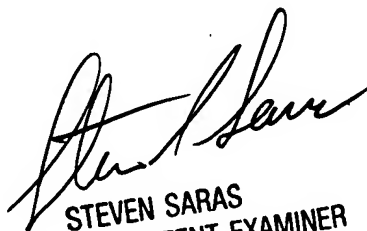
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